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It is reported that the release of 40,000 tons of so-called ferro-manganese ore for the steel industry of the Soviet Zone. The ore originally had been taken by the Wehrmacht from the Ukraine during the German occupation, and transported to the Ruhr. The shipping of all 40,000 tons of the captured ore out of the Ruhr is to begin in early March. When reduced it will provide 15,000 tons of pure manganese for use as catalyzer to supply the furnaces of the Russian Zone. The quantity is estimated to be sufficient to meet the needs of the steel industry for over two years.

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